

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1           1.       A method comprising:  
2           preparing data for display on a display;  
3           modifying the data to form modified data; and  
4           displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced  
5           legibility.

1           2.       The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in modifying, the data is modified in  
2           accordance with one or more data attributes from the group comprising font, paragraph, page,  
3           document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field,  
4           file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1           3.       The method recited in claim 1 and further comprising:  
2           unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and  
3           displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1           4.       The method recited in claim 3 wherein, in unmodifying, the data is unmodified  
2           in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a  
3           cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a  
4           microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

1           5.       The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in displaying, the modified data is  
2           blurred.

1           6.       The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in modifying, a degree of blur is varied  
2           in accordance with a data attribute from the group comprising font, paragraph, page,  
3           document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text, field,  
4           file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1           7.       The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in modifying, a degree of blur is varied  
2 in accordance with a control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a  
3 cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a  
4 microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination thereof.

1           8.       A computer including a memory to store data, and a user interface including a  
2 display, the computer executing a computer program comprising the operations of:  
3       preparing data for display on the display;  
4       modifying the data to form modified data; and  
5       displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data being illegible.

1           9.       The computer recited in claim 8, wherein the data comprises one or more data  
2 attributes, and wherein, in modifying, the computer program comprises the operation of  
3 modifying the data in accordance with one or more data attributes from the group comprising  
4 font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style  
5 name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity,  
6 and position.

1           10.      The computer recited in claim 8, wherein the computer program further  
2 comprises the operations of:  
3       unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and  
4       displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1           11.      The computer recited in claim 10 wherein, in unmodifying, the computer  
2 program comprises the operation of unmodifying the data in accordance with a control signal  
3 from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device,  
4 a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a  
5 combination thereof.



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1           17.     The computer network recited in claim 15, wherein the computer program  
2 further comprises the operations of:  
3           unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and  
4           displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1           18.     The computer network recited in claim 17 wherein, in unmodifying, the  
2 computer program comprises the operation of unmodifying the data in accordance with a  
3 control signal from a user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a  
4 pointing device, a key, a button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive  
5 screen, or a combination thereof.

1           19.     The computer network recited in claim 15 wherein, in displaying, the computer  
2 program comprises the operation of blurring the modified data.

1           20.     The computer network recited in claim 19, wherein the data comprises one or  
2 more data attributes, and wherein the computer program, in the modifying operation, varies a  
3 degree of blur in accordance with a data attribute from the group comprising font, paragraph,  
4 page, document, user name, user location, device name, date, time, style name, data type, text,  
5 field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular orientation, intensity, and position.

1           21.     The computer network recited in claim 19 wherein the computer program, in  
2 the modifying operation, varies a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a  
3 user interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a  
4 button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination  
5 thereof.

1           22.     An article comprising a machine-accessible medium having associated  
2 instructions, wherein the instructions, when accessed, result in a machine performing:  
3           preparing data for display on a display;  
4           modifying the data to form modified data; and

5 displaying the modified data on the display, the modified data having reduced  
6 legibility.

1 23. The article of claim 22, wherein the data comprises one or more data attributes,  
2 and wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine  
3 performing:

4 in modifying, modifying the data in accordance with one or more data attributes from  
5 the group comprising font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name,  
6 date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular  
7 orientation, intensity, and position.

1 24. The article of claim 22, wherein the machine-accessible medium further  
2 includes instructions which, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine performing:  
3 unmodifying the modified data to form unmodified data; and  
4 displaying the unmodified data on the display, the unmodified data being legible.

1 25. The article recited in claim 24 wherein the instructions, when accessed by the  
2 machine, result in the machine performing:  
3 in unmodifying, unmodifying the data in accordance with a control signal from a user  
4 interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a  
5 button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination  
6 thereof.

1 26. The article recited in claim 22 wherein the instructions, when accessed by the  
2 machine, result in the machine performing:  
3 in displaying, blurring the modified data.

1 27. The article recited in claim 26, wherein the data comprises one or more data  
2 attributes, and wherein the instructions, when accessed by the machine, result in the machine  
3 performing:

4 in modifying, varying a degree of blur in accordance with a data attribute from the  
5 group comprising font, paragraph, page, document, user name, user location, device name,  
6 date, time, style name, data type, text, field, file name, cell, color, size, shape, angular  
7 orientation, intensity, and position.

1 28. The article recited in claim 26, wherein the instructions, when accessed by the  
2 machine, result in the machine performing:

3 in modifying, varying a degree of blur in accordance with a control signal from a user  
4 interface element from the group comprising a cursor position, a pointing device, a key, a  
5 button, a screen menu, a screen icon, a microphone, a touch sensitive screen, or a combination  
6 thereof.